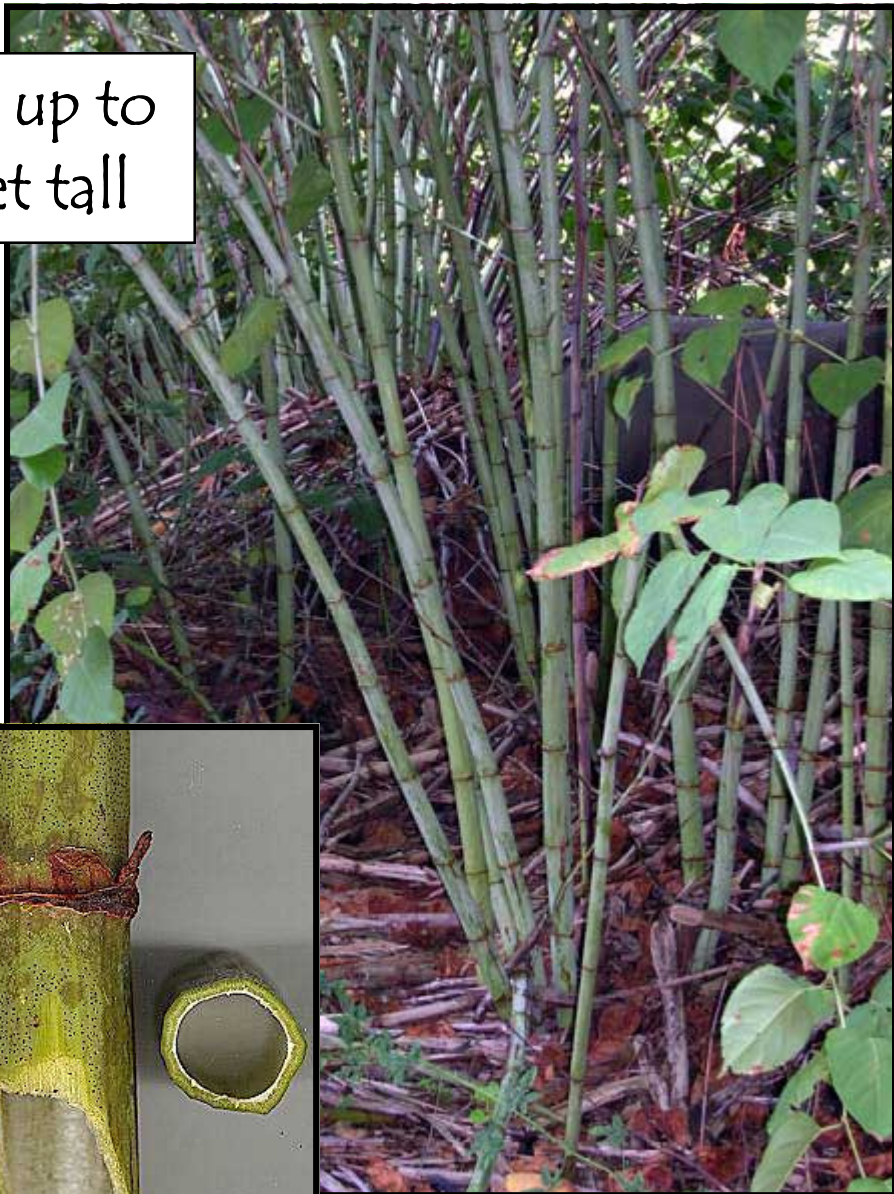


# Invasive Knotweeds

## Japanese, Bohemian, Giant

What does knotweed look like?

Grows up to  
12 feet tall



Hollow, Bamboo-  
like stems



Large, heart-shaped  
leaves growing in a  
zig-zag pattern



Sprays of small,  
white flowers  
blooming in late  
summer



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# Why is knotweed a problem?

Knotweed is a fast growing, aggressive plant that colonizes river banks, destroys fish and wildlife habitat, and diminishes recreational opportunities.



Knotweed infestation on the banks of the Tilton River

## How is knotweed spread?

Knotweed spreads by rhizomes. New populations can be started by root and stem fragments as small as one inch!

## Where is knotweed growing in Lewis County?



Knotweed growing on a gravel bar on the Cowlitz River



Giant knotweed on the banks of the South Fork Chehalis

## What is being done to control knotweed in Lewis County?

The Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board has been working with the Washington State Department of Agriculture to control knotweed along the Upper Cowlitz River since 2004. This year knotweed control work will also take place on the Upper Chehalis and South Fork Chehalis River. The Nature Conservancy is also working to control knotweed along the Newaukum River.

## What can you do?

- ♦ If you live in any of these project areas, check your property and report any knotweed to the Weed Board
- ♦ Avoid spreading knotweed, do not mow or discard cuttings near wetlands, streams, and rivers
- ♦ Contact the Weed Board for treatment and removal recommendations

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